ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

 $\label{thm:total} \mbox{To provide a drive method for finding out an optimum storage}$ period quickly.

In the method for driving the MOS sensor having a plurality of pixels, after all the plurality of pixels are simultaneously reset, signals are then sequentially outputted from said plurality of pixels. The period from the reset time to the time just before said plurality of pixels output saturated signals is termed as the storage period.